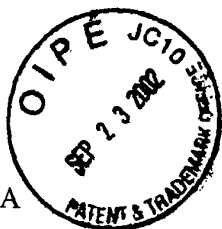


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In response to the Office Action of August 19, 2002, Applicants herewith elect invention II, Claims 30-49. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants further elect the species for carrying out the method using a plasmapheresis membrane, Claims 39, 40, 44, 46 and 46. The election is made without traverse.

Kindly add the following new claims:

50. (New) A method of Claim 30 wherein the fiber wall comprises a continuum of change in mass density from the outer wall surface to the inner wall surface.

51. (New) A method of Claim 32 wherein the fiber wall comprises a continuum of change in mass density from the outer wall surface to the inner wall surface.

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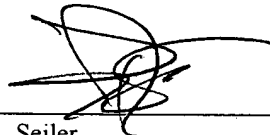
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